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JUSTICE COURTS CONNECT TO COUNTY JAILS

Vernal, Utah—Justice Courts throughout Utah are adding electronic video hearing systems to their courtrooms. The video conferencing capability—known as CourtCom—allows a judge to hold hearings with defendants while they remain at the jail.

"CourtCom eliminates prisoner transport," noted Judge Jody Petry. "The system not only saves time and money, but improved safety and security."

CourtCom training for the Justice Courts located in Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties took place on June 1 and 2 at the Uintah County Justice Courtroom in Vernal. Participants included Judge Clair Poulson, Duchesne West Justice Court; Judge Jack Peterson, Duchesne East Justice Court; Judge Pat McRae, Vernal Justice Court; Judge Clair Reed, Manila Precinct Daggett County Justice Court; Judge Jody Petry, Uintah County and Naples City Justice Court; Uintah County Jail representative Deputy Denile Gale; Uintah County Justice Court Services Officer Brett Roth.

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